

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested. Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 14 are amended.
Claims 2, 7 and 12 are cancelled.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 13 and 15 Under Section 102

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 13 and 15 under section 102 for being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,163,769 to Acero et al. ("Acero et al."). Applicants have amended the claims according to the indicated allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 6 and 11 are patentable and the remaining dependent claims are patentable as well.

Allowable Subject Matters for claims 2, 4, 7-10, 12 and 14

The Examiner indicates that claims 2, 4, 7-10, 12 and 14 would be considered allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims as discussed above. The previous Section 112 rejection was addressed in the amendments in our previous response.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed the rejection of claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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